



Texas Interagency Council for the Homeless
Quarterly Meeting – November 17, 2016
Meeting Minutes Summary

A transcript of the verbal recording made by electronic recording may be found here:
<http://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/tich/meetings.htm>

Members present:

#	Member Agency	Representative	Attendance (Yes/No)
1	Office of the Governor appointee, Cornerstone Network (TICH Chair)	Mike Doyle	Yes
2	Office of the Lt. Governor	<i>vacant</i>	n/a
3	Office of the Speaker of the House	<i>vacant</i>	n/a
4	Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC)	Emily Sasser-Bray Amy Felker	Yes Yes
5	Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS)	<i>vacant</i>	n/a
6	Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services (DARS)	Jonas Schwartz	No
7	Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ)	Frances Gattis	Yes
8	Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS)	Valinda Bolton	Yes
9	Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Housing Finance representative (TDHCA)	Brooke Boston	Yes
10	TDHCA, Community Affairs representative	Naomi Trejo	Yes
11	Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS)	Jessica Hissan	Yes
12	Texas Education Agency (TEA)	Kelly Kravitz	Yes
13	Texas Department of Juvenile Justice (TJJD)	Todd Novak	Yes – by phone
14	Texas Veterans Commission (TVC)	Pam Maercklein	Yes
15	Texas Workforce Commission (TWC)	George McEntyre	No

Advisory Members present:

#	Advisory Member Organization	Representative	Attendance (Yes/No)
1	Texas Network of Youth Services (TNOYS)	Christine Gendron	Yes
2	Austin Travis County Integral Care	Darilynn Cardona-Beiler	No
3	Community Healthcore	Stanley Williams	No
4	Private Citizen	Dennis M. Scholl	Yes – by phone
5	Mental Health and Mental Retardation Authority (MHMRA) of Harris County, Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Program (CPEP) Division	Mende Snodgrass	No
6	Texas Homeless Network (THN)	Eric Samuels	Yes
7	Texas Education Homeless Office (THEO)	Jeanne Stamp	Yes
8	Education Service Center Region 10	Jana Burns	No
9	Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation (TSAHC)	David Long	No
10	Texas Council on Family Violence	Molly Voyles	Yes – by phone
12	HHSC	Sonja Gaines	No

Other attendees: Julia Herzog and Robin Harvey from the office of Representative Ron Reynolds, Sarah Narendorf of the University of Houston, Ann Howard (ECHO), and TDHCA staff members including Tom Gouris, Jennifer Molinari, Brenda Hull, and Megan Sylvester.

Administrative support: Terri Richard (TDHCA), Elizabeth Yevich (TDHCA)

I. Welcome and Introductions

Mr. Doyle called the meeting to order at 10:00 am and welcomed the members, advisory members and guests and confirmed quorum was present.

II. Remarks from Chair

Mr. Doyle gave brief opening remarks, reminding members of the upcoming legislative session, and then invited Brooke Boston to give an update on the TDHCA organizational chart. Brooke Boston gave some remarks about a recent reorganization within TDHCA which merges the Department’s homelessness programs (Emergency Solutions Grants and Homeless Housing and Services Program) into the HOME division, creating a new division for HOME and Homelessness under Jennifer Molinari. That division will no longer report to Brooke Boston, but reports to Tom Gouris. Tom Gouris and Jennifer Molinari were introduced. Brooke Boston and Naomi Trejo will remain the TDHCA appointed representatives on the TICH for the time being.

III. Approval of minutes from the September 21, 2016 TICH Quarterly Meeting

Mr. Doyle introduced the draft minutes from the September 21, 2016, Quarterly TICH meeting. Ms. Boston moved to approve and Ms. Maercklein seconded. There were no comments and members voted aye unanimously to approve the minutes.

IV. Final Discussion of Report on Homelessness among Youth in Texas per House Bill 679

Dr. Sarah Narendorf with the University of Houston gave a final update on the Youth Homelessness study. A discussion followed on the study development, recommendations, and final report submission. Following discussion, Mike Doyle called for TICH members to provide support of the Report of Youth Homelessness in Texas. Members voted aye unanimously to affirm support of the report.

V. Final Discussion of Report on Homelessness among Veterans in Texas per Senate Bill 1580

Ms. Trejo gave a final update on the Report on Homelessness among Veterans in Texas and facilitated a discussion its development, recommendations and final report submission. Following discussion, Mike Doyle called for TICH members to provide support of the Report on Homelessness among Veterans in Texas. Members voted aye unanimously to affirm support of the report.

VI. Use of \$10,000 provided by Texas Workforce Commission for Continuum of Care Coordination by Texas Homeless Network

Mr. Doyle led a discussion on the use of \$10,000 provided by Texas Workforce Commission for Continuum of Care Coordination by Texas Homeless Network. Following the discussion, Mr. Doyle entertained a motion to instruct Ms. Boston at TDHCA to work with TWC to develop an agreement that would allow THN to receive funding to coordinate employment services between Continuums of Care and TWC local workforce boards. Further, the motion would allow Mr. Doyle to review the agreement on behalf of the TICH members, before it is executed. Ms. Boston moved to approve and Ms. Maercklein seconded. There were no comments and members voted aye unanimously to approve the motion.

VII. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

VIII. Closing comment/next meeting

There were no closing comments and the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 31, 2017.

XIII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:46am.